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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF FINANCING IAEA ACTIVITIES."

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT REVIEW, WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. PURPOSE IS TO EXPLORE VARIOUS MEANS THE U.S. MIGHT USE TO FUND ITS PARTICIPATION IN IAEA, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS.

2. GAO WILL BE EXPLORING THE FOLLOWING AREAS WITH THE MISSION:

A. ESTIMATES OF IAEA FUNDING REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE NEXT DECADE AND THE ESTIMATED U.S. SHARE OF THOSE COSTS.
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THE TEAM WILL BE INTERESTED IN A BREAKDOWN OF THE REGULAR BUDGET ASSESSMENTS FOR SAFEGUARDS AND NON-SAFEGUARDS IF POSSIBLE AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING ESTIMATED OPERATING BUDGET COST.

B. ADEQUACY OF CURRENT FUNDING AND ANY CHANGES TO THE CURRENT FUNDING MECHANISMS THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

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C. VIEWS OF IAEA AND U.S. MISSION OFFICIALS TO:

(1) THE PROPOSITION THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO IAEA BE FUNDED FROM SURCHARGES ON (1) THE SALE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS OR ENRICHMENT FUELS OR (2) ON EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FINANCING OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

(2) ADEQUACY OF IAEA CONTROLS OVER NEPTUNIUM AND THE IMPACT OF NEW LASER-ISOTOPE ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY ON SAFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS.

3. GAO WASHINGTON CONFIRMS THAT VISIT TO MISSION WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 8, 1977.

4. DIRECTOR GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH WILL ADVISE MISSION OF ACTUAL DATES AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS.

5. GAO AWARE THAT: (1) APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED BY THE MISSION, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS; (2) WHILE IT MAY PROPERLY DISCUSS POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IT MAY NOT CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES; AND (3) GAO REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MISSION OFFICER ON ALL INTERVIEWS OR CONTACTS WITH ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL.
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6. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.
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